

CLAIMS

1. Phase locked loop charge pump comprising a drain node (A, B) and at least a cascode transistor (M4, M6) for limiting the variation of the voltage of said drain node, CHARACTERISED IN THAT an intermediate switch transistor (M3, M5) is placed between the drain node (A, B) and the cascode transistor (M4, M6).

2. The charge pump of claim 1, said charge pump comprising a first node (A), a second node (B), a branch connecting the first node with the second node, said branch comprising a first cascode transistor (M4) and a second cascode transistor (M6), a first switch transistor (M3') placed in parallel to the first cascode transistor (M4), and a second switch transistor (M5') placed in parallel to the second cascode transistor (M6), CHARACTERISED IN THAT at least an intermediate switch transistor (M3, M5) is placed between the drain node (A, B) and a cascode transistor (M4, M6), in parallel to the first switch transistor (M3') or to the second switch transistor (M5').

3. The charge pump of claim 2, CHARACTERISED IN THAT it comprises two intermediate switch transistors (M3, M5), a first intermediate transistor (M3) being placed between the first node (A) and the first cascode transistor (M4), said first intermediate transistor (M3) being placed in parallel to the first switch transistor (M3'), while the

Sub
2005804-01300

second intermediate switch transistor (M5) being placed between the second node (B) and the second cascode transistor (M6), said second intermediate transistor (M5) being placed in parallel to the second switch transistor (M5').

5

4. The charge pump of claim 3, **CHARACTERISED IN THAT** the first switch transistor (M3') in parallel to the first cascode transistor (M4) and/or the second switch transistor (M5') in parallel to the second cascode transistor (M6) is connected to a further cascode transistor (M4', M6') in parallel to the first and/or second cascode transistor (M4, M6).

10

5. The charge pump of claim 4, **CHARACTERISED IN THAT** the first switch transistor (M3') in parallel to the first cascode transistor (M4) and a further cascode transistor (M4') form a dummy branch in parallel to the first cascode transistor (M4) and the first intermediate transistor (M3), said dummy branch having connections so as to be controlled by the complement signal of the signal controlling the first intermediate transistor (M3) and/or the second switch transistor (M5') in parallel to the second cascode transistor (M6) and a further cascode transistor (M6') form a dummy branch in parallel to the second cascode transistor (M6) and the second intermediate transistor (M5), said dummy branch having connections so as to be controlled by the complement signal of the signal controlling the second intermediate switch transistor (M5).

15

20

Sub a

6. Electronic and/or integrated circuit comprising a charge pump according to any one of the claims 1 to 5.

10058804-013002